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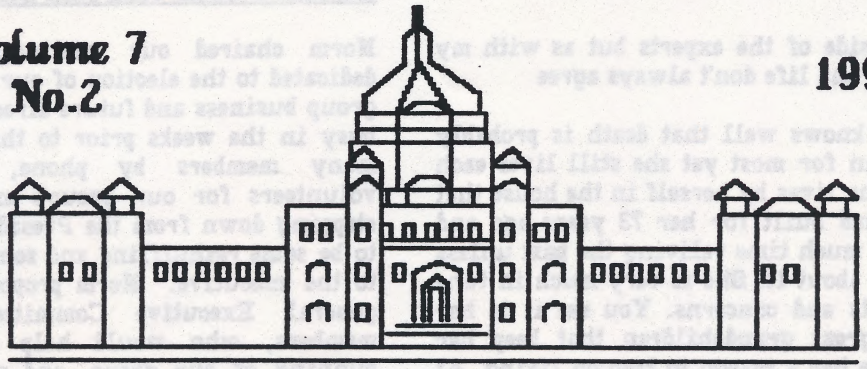

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1990 EXECUTIVE

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NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING

DATE: Thursday, February 1, 1990
TIME: Doors open at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30 sharp!
PLACE: **Richmond Elementary School**
(Main entrance, turn right, upstairs, north wing)
2780 Richmond Road.

Parking is available on site or on the North side of Townley St. Please note that we must be out by 10 p.m.

(Meetings are held the first Thursday of every month from September through to June.)

MEETING FORMAT:

- Group Business
- Questions & Answers/Open Discussion
- Main Theme:
- Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

There will be demos of the games Tetris and Shanghai, followed by an explanation of the GS environment (the control panel, etc.) for those who haven't much experience with the //GS. Finally, time permitting, we will start our hands-on instruction for AppleWorks users.

NORM'S NOTES

APPLE][FOREVER ???

Xmas 1983– I visited my grandmother in New Brunswick 4000 miles away and I remember the strange feeling as I left. I knew I was seeing her for the last time. She was 89 years old!

Xmas 1985– I visited her she was now 91 and I remember that same feeling only this time I was SURE it was the last time I would see her! Right feeling, wrong person.

June 1989– My mother died age 69 and once again I visited my grandmother now 95 and this time when I left I remember that strange feeling i.e . Nobody really knows what the future holds!!!

Summer 1984– The][is seven years old and near death according to "experts"

Summer 1986–The][will cease before year end.

All of 1989– the][is dead.. Apple has produced its' last model][!!

Sound familiar?? I guess it's only natural as in computer years the][is about 95 years old , as far as I know it is the oldest **PERSONAL** computer available today (read next month to find out why I emphasize

personal).

Logic is on the side of the experts but as with my grandmother logic and life don't always agree

My grandmother knows well that death is probably closer for her than for most yet she still lives each day to the full. She lives by herself in the house that my grandfather had built for her 73 years ago and doesn't spend very much time reliving the past unless somebody asks her about it. She is very much in tune with today's events and concerns. You see it is her great and great great grandchildren that keep her interested and give her a reason to keep on living. At the rate she's going she will live to be 100 and then some!

Same goes for US....yes us we are not talking really about the death of a computer but of people ... **the APPLE][USER**...While it was two Steves who built it and got it off the ground it was WE the USERS who gave it life and then Rupert Lissner gave it greatness with Appleworks Classic. The][is not dead until WE say it is. We will someday with our lack of use and support but not today, not this year and hopefully for the][and my grandmother not this decade. She will be 106 April 7, 2000.

While nothing is forever don't get discouraged with your 8 bit machine in a 32 bit world. This world is about people and uncertainty not logic and machines!! So sit down with your][, turn it on (it really likes to be left on but turned on will do) then EXPLORE....EXPAND ...but above all ENJOY!!!! for many more years.

INCOME TAX TEMPLATE CORRECTION!!

George Sherwood has discovered an error in one of the calculating formulas in his Income Tax Template which was announced last month. It causes a serious error in that it does not deduct payments deducted at source. He asks that anyone who received a copy of the template, be sure to replace it with a corrected copy at the next meeting. Ron Dyck has a corrected copy for the disk library. If you cannot attend the next meeting you can phone George at 656-2530 and he will mail you a corrected copy.

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY MEETING

Norm chaired our meeting, which was solely dedicated to the election of our 1990 executive and to group business and future direction. Norm had been busy in the weeks prior to the meeting canvassing many members by phone, trying to solicit volunteers for our group's executive. With Bob stepping down from the President seat, there needed to be some reshuffling and some new members added to the executive. Norm proposed the creation of a general Executive Committee, elected by the members, who would help out in the overall running of our group, and would be assigned or volunteer for duties among one another. As a result of this new approach, both Pam Richardson and Syd Langhelt had agreed to stand. It was agreed to postpone the executive vote until after further issues had been raised.

Four other topics were put forward for discussion:

1. The pros and cons of becoming a non-profit organization were discussed.
2. Do we want SIGS (special interest groups) to meet on separate nights, and if so where, and how will any extra rent be paid?
3. Are our membership fees realistic? This year's budget will include rent for the first time, and even though we no longer have refreshments, our expenses will be higher. Do we raise the dues, or attempt to balance the budget through business ventures like a swap and shop or selling disks or ribbons, etc.
4. Ideas for speakers and meeting topics.

A vote was taken and there was a strong majority in favor of becoming a non-profit society. The new executive will therefore investigate the procedures and requirements necessary to becoming a non-profit society and acquire the necessary forms in preparation for drafting the new group bylaws. Until the more formal rules governing our executive are set, George Sherwood moved to elect an interim executive, including all ten members who had let their names stand. The motion passed. Someone was still needed to act as President, however, (we must have an MC for our meetings, after all!), so we all congratulated Norm on his new title!

It was also agreed not to raise our fees at this time. A lot of people were undecided as to SIGS being held on an alternate night at the school, as it was unclear how the extra rent was to be paid and if, in fact, it could be rented on a short term basis. Alternatives were to hold smaller interest groups at alternate houses, and more popular topics covered at the general meeting. A show of hands indicated that almost everyone uses AppleWorks and would like to know more from the bottom up, so it was agreed to devote at least half an hour of each meeting to an AppleWorks-related topic, with more hands-on tutorials and help sessions to improve everyones knowledge.

Plans for the executive brunch were postponed until after a preliminary meeting to establish duty outlines for everyone on the executive and to draw up a budget. The date for this meeting was set for Thursday, Jan 18/90, 7:00 p.m. at the Pandora Avenue McDonalds.

In the news and rumours section of the meeting, it was noted that Woz has apparently severed his links with the computer industry and is now loving his job as teacher. (What then of the rumour that he will head a new company and take over the Apple II line from Apple?).

"Where in Time is Carmen SanDiego" is a good program but there are problems with the Apple II version so it is unavailable at present. The Transwarp II card is a good bargain; it is the first card to fully utilize the 7.18 Mhz bus in the Apple II. The Zip Chip people won their court case against the Rocket Chip people. There will be heavy royalties to pay if the Rocket Chip makes it back on the market! Beagle Brothers new compiler will make your AppleSoft BASIC programs run 3 to 10 times faster and can also accommodate commands for both the AE (Applied Engineering) and FPE (Floating Point Engine) math co-processor chips.

Straight from the pages of the Apples BC newletter, Apple Canada relieved 60 staff members of their duties just before Christmas, including Lois, our User Group Connection contact. Maybe that's why we haven't had much in the mail lately!

On the local scene, Dan Hubbard has left Advantage Computers to utilize his talent in the Ministry of Education. Our friend Don McCormack is now a salesman for Byte Computers.

MINUTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEETING - January 18,1990.

1. Delegation of Tasks:

a) Non-Profit Society - Gary Peterman will attend to this area, which involves action on this issue, filling and filing forms, drafting a constitution, conflict of interest guidelines, etc.

b) Newsletter - Bill Weldon is content to continue on as Newsletter Editor. Syd Langhelt will take responsibility for scanning the incoming mail for content. Among changes planned for the newsletter are a President's Column and a monthly-rotating guest column.

Advertising: Advantage, Aardvark, Odyssey, Tesseract, and Byte Computers will be approached to either continue or begin advertising in the newsletter.

c) Secretary - this involves attending to club correspondence and minutes from monthly meetings. Pam and Claudia offered to assume these duties.

d) Treasurer - Dave Barlow will continue.

e) Librarian - Ron Dyck and Gary Peterman will be our librarians.

f) Membership - Norm McLeod will continue.

g) Vice-President - Robin was acclaimed to this position.

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2. Budget for the upcoming year:

Changes were made to the budget, and the budget will be presented to the membership for approval at the February meeting.

3. Executive Brunch:

February 4 th was set as the date for the Executive Brunch at the Laurel Point Inn. Topics for discussion will include guest speakers for meetings, club image, and bulletin board involvement.

4. Executive Meetings:

The executive will be meeting monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Present meeting location is the Pandora McDonald's, but this may change in future.

5. Speakers and Topics:

Although we will be discussing this further at the executive brunch, we did discuss some topic ideas for meetings, including a speaker from B.C.Tel on INET, hard drives, bulletin boards, AppleWorks, and

Publish-It.

Topics set for the February meeting include: a) games; b) booting up the II G.S., including the control panel. If we have time, we may get into: c) some word processing in AppleWorks.

6. Other Discussion:

The executive plans to set up a "buddy" system, so that each executive member has a number of club members to contact regularly.

The disk library will include a member information database, in other words, which computer people have, their interests, etc.

The newsletter will include executive's phone numbers, and consultants will be dropped, as these were generally not used much in any case.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Budget	Actual
Income:		
Membership dues	$1150	$1012.00
Advertising		30.00
Interest	50	87.03
Total	$1200	$1129.03
Expenses:		
Newsletter	$ 500	$ 446.75
Disk Library	200	189.04
Book Library	200	109.62
Refreshments	100	68.70
Executive Brunch	150	150.00
Miscellaneous	50	44.94
Rent (11/89-06/90)		168.00
Total	$ 1200	$ 1177.05
Expenses over income:		$ 48.02

Cash Balance:	
Jan 1/89	$ 1051.92
less expenses over income	48.02
Dec 31/89	$ 1003.90

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1990 PROPOSED BUDGET

Income:	
Membership dues	$1000
Advertising	150
Interest	50
Fund raising	275
Total	$1475
Expenses:	
Newsletter	$ 500
Disk Library	225
Book Library	225
Rent (09/90-06/91)	210
Executive Brunch	165
Incorporation	100
Miscellaneous	50
Total	$1475

NEWSLETTER COSTS

The total circulation of our newsletter is now approximately 75, with 42 members, 11 users groups, Apple Canada, the Public Library, and 5 local computer sales outlets where a few copies are left to alert customers of the existence of our user group.

The cost amounts to $52/month, which is approximately equally divided between copying and postage. It is interesting to note that copying costs would be increased by only $2.09 for 101 copies, as the price per copy decreases from $0.361 to $0.289 (for 6 pages/newsletter).

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our new members:

Jim Richardson	383-7654
J. Walsh	386-8107

Delinquent members are reminded to pay their dues or their newsletters will be cut off. Call Dave Barlow at 477-6792, or send cheque to him at #56 - 3987 Gordon Head Road, Victoria, B.C. V8N 3X5.

WHAT IF COMPUTERS RULED TV?

by Dan Gutman
(from NEWS FOR APPLE II'S, December, 1989)

Prime time TV is filled with cops, lawyers and doctors, but the people who REALLY run things in this country are the people in the computer industry.

I was wondering what "TV Guide" would read like if poular culture reflected reality...

8 AM: THIS GOOD OLD MAINFRAME. Host Bob Vila revamps a Univac and shows how you can turn an old PCjr into a functional doorstop, paperweight or other decorative object.

9 AM: WIN, LOSE OR FAX. Game.

10 AM: NAME THAT SOFTWARE. Users attempt to identify well-known programs by looking at the least number of lines of source code.

11 AM: MY THREE SUNS. Neighbors get suspicious as to why Fred MacMurray keeps three UNIX-based workstations in a suburban neighborhood.

12 AM: GERALDO. Apple and IBM executives debate which operating system leads to the highest increase in productivity. The discussion turns ugly when industry guru Alan Kay bashes IBM Chairman John F. Akers over the head with a Dynabook prototype. Geraldo is hospitalized after his nose is broken by a flying Bernoulli Box.

1 PM: LIFESTYLES OF THE RICH AND VISIONARY. Robin Leach takes us on a tour of Steve Jobs' fabulous Los Gatos mansion.

2 PM: MY MOTHER THE CAR PHONE. David is involved in a crucial conference call on the New Jersey Turnpike when Mama interrupts to ask if he is dressed warmly. She ends up negotiating a better deal than David.

3 PM: BATTLE OF THE LOCAL AREA NETWORK STARS. Middle management execs compete in the floppy discus throw and 440 metre minicomputer hurdles. Sales and marketing personnel perform on the pommel horse while holding laptops.

4: PM: WORDPERFECT STRANGERS. Larry decides that using groupware would be a good way to meet women, but Balki's laser printer explodes, ruining any chances of connectivity for the evening.

5 PM: AS THE DISK TURNS. While John is away at Comdex, Lucinda is having an affair with his Wang. Beau comes home unexpectedly and catches Pam fondling Adam's laptop. Under hypnosis, Sally is trying to figure out how it was possible to get pregnant at a user group meeting.

6 PM: MAYBERRY CPU. Andy discovers that his digital clock has more intelligence than Gomer, who thinks "multitasking" means being able to walk and chew gum at the same time. Aunt Bea debugs Floyd's electronic cash register. Opie has his mouth washed out with soap after calling Howard Sprague a nerd.

7 PM. HOGAN'S HACKERS. Kinch and Newkirk plant a computer virus into Hitler's personal database that commands Nazi planes to turn back and bomb Hamburg. Colonel Clone fumes.

8 PM: I DREAM OF GEnie. Comedy.

9 PM: THE HONEYMOONERS. Ralph dreams up a way to hit it rich with a 3-D word processor, but it turns out to be vaporware. Ed humiliates Ralph when he makes a million dollars by creating "Norton's Utilities".

10 PM: MOVIE: 'RISC-y BUSINESS.' (1982) While Joel's parents are away, he sets up a parallel processing laboratory in the house. Mom and Dad are furious when they come home to find a mainframe in the living room, but Joel gets an offer to work for Hewlett-Packard.

11 PM: MISTER ROM'S NEIGHBORHOOD. Mister ROM helps parents put young ones to sleep by reading selections from the "WordStar" instruction manual.

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12 PM: MODEMLIGHTING. Dave and Maddie finally log on together. Wisecracks ensue.

1 AM: THE SILICON HILLBILLIES. Jed strikes it rich by programming a speech-synthesized hog caller, but Granny heaves the family VAX into the cement pond. Jethro discovers that instead of Corn Flakes, he has just eaten a bowl filled with 256K RAM chips.

2 AM: THE ODD WORKGROUP. Hilarity reigns when Felix replaces all the furniture in an effort to make the apartment ergonomic. When Oscar uses a disk drive as an ashtray, Felix throws him out, insisting there is no place for slobs in a multiple user environment.

3 AM: L.A. LAN. Douglas sets up an office local area network, but discovers it is being used to send obscene voice mail. Arnnie and the new intern are caught nude on a gray-scale scanner. Much laughter ensues when Benny is the only one who can figure out how to install a fax board.

4 AM: THE PROGRAMMER'S COURT. Judge Wapner settles the look-and-feel controversy once and for all. Doug Lleuwellen discusses the verdict with Bill Gates.

5 AM: HIGH-TECH BLOOPS AND BLUNDERS. Laugh yourself silly watching Fortune 500 companies suffer hard disk drive crashes, tape backup system failures and information overload.

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Now you can get a single-board nuclear reactor that supplies stand-by power for 12 years! The QBX-1 nuclear reactor card, available for any Apple //, MAC or compatible, provides back-up power for up to 12 years. When the card senses a power failure, explosive charges (bolts) eject moderator and control rods from the reactor interior within 20 mmsecs, and brings the reactor to its fully-rated output of 20 Kw in less than one millisecond! Over its 12-year active life, the reactor's power decreases by 25%, to 15 Kw.

Integral heat fans provide convection cooling of the reactor's 500 W power dissipation while the reactor remains in "stand-by" position. If your computer cannot furnish the 400 feet per second of forced air for cooling, consider buying the manufacturer's heavy-water cooling jacket and stainless steel pump module, which fits conveniently under a desk or work bench. LAtches on each side of the reactor module let you quickly swap the radioactive core, should you need to replace it. An optional circular viewing port of lead glass lets you view the reactor's internal assemblies, and also functions as a 10-million candlepower night light.

To protect users from undue radiation, each card contains a shielding kit, comprised of five self-adhesive lead plates and 20 radiation-monitoring film badges. The lead plates mount to the side of your computer enclosure, ensuring the reduction of harmful gamma rays, which cause soft errors to floppy disks and RAM data. For more protection, consider the manufacturer's 200-foot extension cords for monitors and keyboards.

Because the card can supply more than enough power for the standard computing station, you can sell the excess power to your utility company, as provided by law. An add-on phasing and metering kit (PMK-1) lets you connect your reactor to the local power grid. Each PMK-1 kit includes standard power sale contracts and Rural Electrification Boards rules and regulations.

Although not required everywhere, each reactor includes a standard 23-volume site evacuation plan. The plan includes forms to allow you to register the name and address of your reactor site with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. As an option, the seller supplies the plan on AppleWorks diskettes for the Apple // series or in Microsoft Word format for the Mac. User-friendly templates let you type in the data allowing your word processor to create a complete, printed document.

Reactor prices start at $12 million (U.S.). Please allow six years for delivery. (Prices do NOT reflect union considerations, or include cost overruns). Please mail your cashier's check or money order, with payment in full, to:

Nukes R Us, P.O. Box U-235, White Sands, NM 43210

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Canadian readers please note that the QBX-1 reactor is not available in Canada at this time, pending AEC approval.

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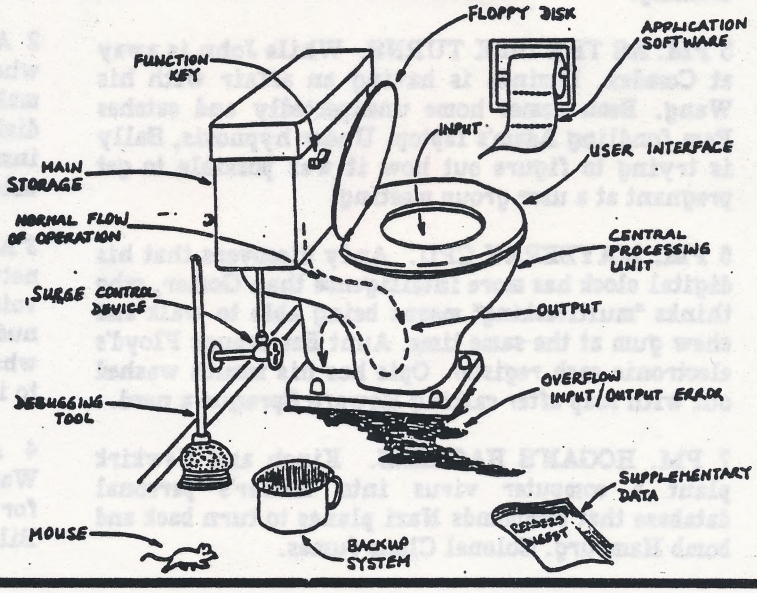
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